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INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION
SUMMARY MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

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INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ruth Mahan, Chair	Friday Harbor
Bob Parlette	Wenatchee
Christine Wakefield Nichols	Snohomish
Rex Derr	Director, State Parks and Recreation Commission
Craig Partridge	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Elyse Kane	Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Chair Ruth Mahan.

One change to the agenda was the addition of a discussion of the Nonhighway Road definition issue during the Executive Session.

MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT

Director's Report

Director Laura Johnson reported on staff activities since the last meeting. (See notebook item #1a for details.)

- Director Johnson announced a new committee member has been appointed, Val Ogden from Vancouver, Washington. Ms. Ogden is a former State Representative. She was unable to attend this meeting due to previous commitments.
- Staff has been very busy with meeting preparation and other agency work.
- The Legislature held a special session. Washington is one of the only states to reach consensus on its budget. For the office of the IAC, this was a successful session. The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) came in at \$45 million and the other programs came in at request level. Funding for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) is just under \$50 million.
- The Office did receive two new grant programs to administer. The first is ALEA (Aquatic Lands and Enhancement Account) for approximately \$5 million per biennium. This program does not need Board action immediately since the funding cycle has been completed for this biennium. The IAC will need to develop new

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program guidelines (in close connection with DNR) prior to the start of the next funding cycle. Funding from this program will be for projects such as nearshore, public access to waters, and interpretive signage along the shoreline of the state.

The other program is the Family Forest Fish Passage pilot program for \$2 million. The SRFB will coordinate with DNR and WDFW to design this program. Part of the mission is to assist landowners who have small forest land holdings but are potentially facing large regulatory requirements.

- Laura was pleased to report that IAC staff member Bruce Crawford, who is working on the Comprehensive Monitoring Strategy, received the Governor's Distinguished Manager Award. Bruce is one of only 16 receiving this award statewide.
- Laura reported a typo in her Director's Report concerning the SRFB's Fourth Round funding. The report states 21 projects totaling \$21 million, it should read 71 projects for \$21 million.

Financial Report

Debra Wilhelmi provided this report to the Board. (See notebook item #1b for details.)

- Debra mentioned that for the last 23 months the IAC has come in under budget and the revenues have come out almost exactly where they were anticipated, resulting in a very good two years.
- Debra discussed the reappropriation issue and the veto by the Governor. The IAC needs to do a better job explaining to the Governor and Legislature why it takes as long as it does to complete a project. Project sponsors also need to complete projects in a timely manner and provide the billings to IAC for payment. IAC has been asked to submit quarterly reports to OFM on the status of projects and will comply with these requirements.
- Debra talked about IAC's updated web page and the Natural Resources Data Portal project. The boating site has been updated for ease of finding out about small boat launches and marinas. Interactive mapping has been added so people can retrieve a map of where all the projects are that have been funded by both the IAC and the SRFB. The Natural Resources Data Portal project is basically a library of different natural resource agency databases.

Planning Related Status Report

Greg Lovelady provided this report to the Board. (See notebook item #1c for additional points.)

- Staff is gearing up for the next revision of the Boating Facilities Program (BFP) plan by scheduling several forums where staff can hear the views of project sponsors. There will be several meetings that are open to the public so that we can get

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broader involvement. Rex Derr asked about the Boating Program Review and whether there was a connection between the State Parks Boating Program and this program. Jim Eychaner reported that he has attended one of the meetings and believes he has a good connection with State Parks.

- Parks just hired a new statewide trails coordinator and this person will attend the State Trails Conference.

Project Services Report

Marguerite Austin provided this report to the Board. (See notebook item 1d for details.)

- IAC staff provided assistance with updating and reprinting the *Washington Accessible Outdoor Recreation Guide*. The new updated version is almost twice as big as the one printed four years ago and has lots of additional information on sites accessible to people with disabilities.
- Washington State is featured in the National Park Service Land and Water Program brochures. Marguerite attended a function in Washington, DC earlier this year in which Congressman Norm Dicks was honored with a congressional award for his work with the Land and Water Program.
- Director Johnson pointed out that Washington State was a recipient of one of only ten national awards for a park of national significance. Riverfront Park in Spokane, which was once a railroad yard and an island in the middle of the Spokane River, received an award of recognition for what it means to be a Land and Water Conservation Fund assisted park.
- The US Fish and Wildlife Service will soon announce that it is accepting applications for the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program. Applications will be accepted through September 2003. The actual awarding of grants is still dependent on how much funding will be available and there is no word yet on how much that might be.
- Summer is when staff spends more time in the field conducting site inspections and attending dedications. In the past few weeks there have been dedications at five Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program project sites, two Boating Facilities Program (BFP) projects and several Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) projects. On Friday, July 25, there will be dedication highlighting a new park in Des Moines, the Steven J. Underwood Memorial Sports Complex. This new park is being dedicated in honor of a police officer who was killed in the line of duty.

As part of her report, Marguerite highlighted the recently completed project #00-1438, Columbia Park Aquatic Playground, IAC #00-1438, sponsored by Kennewick Parks and Recreation. This park received the first Land and Water Conservation Fund grant ever given in the state of Washington. This new playground's water play structure features waterspouts, renovated restrooms, and a beautiful mural on the wall depicting the river. There is also a unique trash disposal system in the form of a trash-eating goat. By

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placing trash in the goat's mouth, a vacuum system turns on and the trash is sucked into a trash compacter inside the building. This is one of the cleanest parks around since the kids really enjoy the novelty of the goat and search for litter to "feed" it.

Board members would like to be advised of upcoming dedications. Bob Parlette would also like staff to make sure the legislators in that area are included in the announcements and an editorial in the local paper about the IAC, WWRP, and the fact that the money being used is coming from the state Legislature.

Director Johnson noted that often the dedications are very locally focused events and staff is not informed of the event in a manner allowing for notice to the Board or others. When time allows, staff does provide notice to the Board members in that area.

Legislative Report

Jim Fox provided this report to the Board.

- Jim reviewed the list of bills that will affect the IAC.
- Jim reported on two overriding issues needing special attention: The issue of reappropriations that Debra Wilhelmi talked about and the concern by many legislators and local county officials of public land acquisition. There is a need to look at ways to help compensate counties when land is pulled from the tax roll to be put into public use.
- Of the several bills that did pass, one was the bill that changed the minimum acquisition percentage for the state parks category in WWRP, reducing it from 75% minimum acquisition to 50%.
- The boards and commissions bill eliminated the Community Outdoor Athletic Field Advisory Committee (COAFAC).
- HB 1698, to modify the distribution formula for the NOVA program, went through numerous amendments and ended up as a bill that revised the composition of our NOVA Advisory Committee and directed additional members to report to the Legislature next session.
- Several bills that did not pass include one that would have provided funding for state parks by creating an evergreen recreation pass.
- Three bills died that would have addressed land acquisition by state agencies.
- HB 2275 and its companion SB 6082, that would expand the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program to include some agricultural land preservation, did not get a hearing due to being introduced very late in the session. There is some interest by the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition (WWRC) to pursue this issue next session.

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Bob Parlette would like to see a statewide policy in-lieu of payments on acquisition of public lands. Fish and Wildlife has one policy, DNR and Parks both have different policies when taking land off the tax rolls. Bob would also like, before the legislative session, every legislator to be advised of all the projects within their area.

Rex Derr noted that State Parks develops its land for recreation purposes bringing about economic rewards that, in many cases, exceeds the amount that would have been brought about with the typical tax structure.

Elyse Kane said there might be a need to discuss the economic side rather than the tax side of the land acquisition issue.

2004 IAC Meeting Schedule

Director Laura Johnson presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #1f for details.)

Potential dates have been noted for 2004 meetings. After some discussion on dates and locations, it was decided to wait until the September meeting to formally approve the calendar.

CONSENT AGENDA

Elyse Kane MOVED to approve Resolution #2003-12. (See notebook item #2 for details.) Bob Parlette SECONDED the motion. Resolution #2003-12 APPROVED.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) PROCESS - PANEL

Jim Eychaner introduced this agenda item. Jim was joined by Debbie Young, Tacoma Power, and Elvin "Speed" Fitzhugh, AVISTA Utilities.

Debbie provided a broad overview of the relicensing process and how Tacoma Power includes recreation in the relicensing process. (See handouts for further information.)

Debbie summarized the procedure of applying for a hydro-license. This license must be consistent with the Clean Water Act, administered through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with delegated authority by the Department of Ecology. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) also comes into play in the certification process along with other agencies including National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

The relicensing procedure that is now in place requires a collaborative effort between a number of state and federal agencies. An initial investment of agency staff is required early on, but it saves a lot of time later in the process, which generally takes from 8 to 10 years.

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Bob Parlette asked if there is a generally expected cost of recreation for the project or is each project on its own. Debbie reported that each project is on its own and that FERC doesn't give guidelines. Debbie also reported that Exhibit R (recreation mitigation) is no longer a standalone document but is now called "Report on Recreation" and includes recreation, wildlife, cultural resources and other issues.

FERC views a relicense as addressing only the new impacts, rather than the original impacts. Consequently all projects undergo what is called a "demand need survey" which involves looking at what the demand will be for parks and recreation. The increasing need is what FERC is interested in.

Speed Fitzhugh began his overview by stating that the Spokane relicensing program began in earnest last year by first establishing the stakeholder groups. The stakeholders meet monthly and includes representatives from State Parks, DNR, Spokane, Lincoln, and Stevens Counties, Spokane Parks and Recreation, Spokane Valley, and other non-government organizations.

The Spokane River project consists of five dams that generate an average of 100 megawatts daily. The license application is due in July 2005. The current license expires in July 2007.

Every attempt is made to educate the recreational groups by explaining that the utilities are working very hard to balance the resource needs, the public's needs, and what the licensing project can provide. The goal is for agencies that have 4E authority to incorporate their conditions into the final settlement agreement.

Speed noted that these are non-federal hydroelectric projects licensed under the Federal Power Act and are funded with private utilities dollars.

Speed also explained the project boundary as it relates to boat ramps and part of the boat dock. Recreational resources adjacent to the project need to be addressed. An agreement is in place to go a half-mile on either side of the shoreline and includes all of the recreation opportunities and facilities in the inventory stage.

Another aspect being looked at by the stakeholders are various types of recreational areas that are consistent with the resource and the environment and what the public wants to see. The goal is to have a recreational management plan put together for the entire area, focusing on the area adjacent to the reservoirs and lakes, including a long-term monitoring plan.

Bob Parlette asked if the IAC is considered a stakeholder in the process. Debbie reported that IAC is, in many cases, the primary recreation representation.

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BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

This agenda item was presented by a panel consisting of Carole Richmond, IAC; Maggie Coon, The Nature Conservancy; and Elizabeth Rodrick, WDFW. (See notebook item #4 for details.)

Carole Richmond introduced this agenda item and provided a progress report and a brief background report on the issue. The IAC provided partial funding for this legislative initiative one year ago. The first phase of this initiative is intended to lead to the development and implementation of a statewide biodiversity strategy. A report to the Governor is due October 1, 2003.

Carole explained that the short definition of biodiversity is the variety of life and its processes. The focus is not only on species but also on genetic diversity and ecosystems. This is a proactive approach to protect the richness of existing species.

The biodiversity conservation strategy would include three elements: vision, strategy, and a state level action plan. This is similar to the state's salmon recovery approach containing a vision, strategy and agency action plan.

Maggie Coon, External Affairs Director for The Nature Conservancy, discussed process, draft recommendations, and next steps.

Draft recommendations:

- Institutional framework – Washington Council on Biodiversity.
- That the IAC be designated as lead agency to facilitate this work.
- Expand work of temporary committee – dramatically improve biodiversity conservation on private lands.
- Recognize landowners for work they are currently doing.
- Non-regulatory incentives and recognition program for those already doing good work.
- Build scientific basis to support rationale for decision-making and for conservation investments.
- Facilitate access to information by creating a new GIS layer on land use/land cover in WAGIC and by adding biodiversity data to the State Natural Resources Data Portal.

Next steps:

- Finalize draft report,
- Release for public comment,
- Deliver report to Legislature October 1, 2003, and
- Develop a legislative package in the Fall of 2003 to submit next year.

Elizabeth Rodrick, WDFW, provided an overview of the ecoregional assessment aspect of this information. A partnership was formed with WDFW, DNR, and The Nature Conservancy.

WDFW goals:

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- Protect full range of biological diversity
- Ensure persistence of healthy populations
- Use landscape scale for wildlife
- Cover all lands in Washington
- Prioritize species, habitats, and places
- Use agency resources efficiently
- Develop partnerships

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO NOVA/FUNDING CYCLE

Jim Fox presented this agenda item to the Board. (See notebook item #5 for details.)

Jim asked the Board to consider approving the following resolutions: Resolution #2003-25 would approve the distribution of funds for the 2003-2004 NOVA grant cycle and Resolution #2003-26 would approve the distribution of NOVA funds to the Department of Natural Resources and the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Jim explained the new funding distribution proposal as presented in Resolution #2003-25.

Elyse Kane MOVED to approve Resolution #2003-25. Craig Partridge SECONDED.

Board Discussion:

Ruth Mahan asked if, in terms of the environment of the legislature in this last session concerning reappropriations, does differing spending in this way put us at risk? Jim responded that there could be a problem but he thinks it is a good move to commit all of the currently unobligated reappropriation funds now. Delaying implementation of spending of the 03-05 money does mean the reappropriation in the 05-07 budget will be somewhat larger but Legislature indicated it wanted to wait until legislative changes to the funding process before the funds are spent.

Public Testimony:

Jonathan Guzzo, Washington Trails Association, thanked the Board for its fair treatment of his group.

Board APPROVED Resolution #2003-25 as presented.

Jim Fox explained that Resolution #2003-26 directs distribution of funds to the Department of Natural Resources and State Parks and Recreation Commission as required by the Capital Budget.

Rex Derr had concern with including State Parks in the final paragraph of Resolution #2003-26. Ruth Mahan amended the draft resolution to remove "and State Parks" from the fourth paragraph.

Elyse Kane MOVED to approve Resolution #2003-26 as amended. Christine Wakefield Nichols SECONDED. Board APPROVED Resolution #2003-26 as amended.

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NOVA EDUCATION & ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (E&E) MANUAL #13 UPDATE

a) E& E Policy Manual

Scott Chapman presented this agenda item and explained the suggested revisions to the E&E policy manual. (See notebook item #6a for more details.)

Rex Derr MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-13. Elyse Kane SECONDED. Board ADOPTED Resolution #2003-13 as presented.

b) E&E Funding

Marguerite Austin presented this agenda item to the Board. (See notebook item #6b for more details.)

Marguerite explained the issues and reason for needed project extensions and delegation to the Director.

Craig Partridge MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-14. Christine Wakefield Nichols SECONDED. Board ADOPTED Resolution #2003-14 as presented.

NOVA PROGRAM REVIEW

Greg Lovelady presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #7 for more details.)

Greg began his presentation by reviewing the description of “Nonhighway Road” (NHR) referring to non-gasoline tax supported roadways. When recreationists drive over these roads, a portion of the taxes that they pay on fuel goes to the NOVA account and supports the program.

Greg also explained that the term “Other” is a category that refers to a concept from the recently completed Fuel Use Study. This term, “other,” refers to people not covered under the ORV or non-motorized categories which are currently part of the NOVA Program. It includes people who gather firewood or berries, sightseers, fisherman, hunters, and others who recreate on, or immediately adjacent to, nonhighway roads.

Greg reported on the task to approve a NOVA Advisory Committee to provide policy recommendations to the 2004 Legislature per 2SHB1698. In listing the steering committee members who attended the June 11 meeting in the notebook memorandum, Karl Forsgaard, representing the Fair Trails Coalition, was inadvertently left off the participant list.

Accomplishments so far include hiring a professional facilitator, meeting with interested parties to formulate a recommendation to the IAC Board regarding committee make-up, and seeking feedback from 400+ persons on the draft policy recommendation.

Staff recommendations include the following two items: 1) Adopt an advisory committee structure based on the inclusion of three ORV individuals, two hikers, one equestrian,

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one mountain bicyclist and then two in the “other” category which includes boating, picnicking, pleasure drivers, hunters, fishers, campers, wildlife viewers, or gatherers; and 2) Delegate authority to the IAC’s Director to make appointments based on this structure.

Public Testimony

Jonathan Guzzo, Fair Trails Coalition, urged the Board to amend Resolution #2003-23 for proportionality. He would like to see the Board either add a non-motorized representative to the NOVA Advisory Committee or remove a motorized representative from the current committee and not add any new non-motorized representatives. Feels this would be more proportionate and consistent with SSHB 1698 and reflective of the NOVA Fuel Study. The fact that people recreate differently is recognized.

Ruth Mahan summarized Jonathan’s request stating that instead of three ORV representatives on the advisory committee, make it two and keep the rest of the recommendation as is, or keep the number of ORV representatives at three and add one to the non-motorized user.

Jonathan confirmed this is what he meant.

Board discussed the balance and reasoning behind the recommendation.

Elyse Kane MOVED to adopt Resolution 2003-23 as presented. Rex Derr SECONDED.

Board Discussion:

Craig Partridge asked if there would be additional resolutions for the expanded group involving the sheriffs, state agencies, and the Legislature. Staff reported that no additional resolutions would be presented on this issue.

Laura Johnson noted that staff believes that the implication of the legislation is that the advisory committee (the NOVA Advisory Committee) is only those who are proportionately described as a result of the Fuel Study. So the IAC is in a difficult position, whether or not it provides a voting capacity to the agencies for this iteration of the advisory committee is unclear.

Craig Partridge offered the following AMENDMENT to Resolution #2002-23: Add that agencies that have been voting members on the committee in the past be invited to participate at the new committee’s project review meeting.

Christine Wakefield Nichols SECONDED the amendment.

Craig Partridge’s amendment to Resolution #2003-23 APPROVED with Bob Parlette abstaining from the vote.

Christine Wakefield Nichols presented a second AMENDMENT to change the membership to three ORV, three hiking, one mountain biking, one equestrian, and one from the other category. Rex Derr SECONDED it for discussion.

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Rex Derr noted that if there is the possibility of a vote, he would prefer an odd number of members and not an even number on the committee.

Christine replied that her amendment has an odd number now. There are nine total. Basically what she proposed is shifted one "other" up into hiking.

Elyse Kane responded that she appreciates that Christine is trying to address the balance issue, but will vote against that particular amendment, because she does not want to reduce the numbers of representatives of the traditional interests on this committee.

The second amendment FAILED with Bob and Christine voting yes, and Rex, Elyse, and Craig voting no.

Chair Mahan called on the final vote for Resolution #2003-23 as amended by Craig to invite previous voting members to continue to participate on this committee. Resolution #2003-23 ADOPTED as amended.

THURSTON COUNTY ORV SPORTS PARK CLOSURE; NORTHWEST MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION LAWSUIT; AND DEFINITION OF NONHIGHWAY ROAD

Laura Johnson introduced this agenda item and explained the executive session by stating that decisions are not made during the session, but it is simply a process to receive attorney advice.

The three items for executive session discussion include:

- Thurston County ORV Sports Park closure
- Lawsuit filed by Northwest Motorcycle Association
- Definition of Nonhighway Road

Public Testimony:

Ed Bushnell, Northwest Outdoor Coalition, represents over 20,000 people. These are members of the American Motorcyclists Association, the Northwest Sports Club, Pacific Four-Wheel Drive Association, members of the ATV Pro Racing, Seattle Motorcycle Club, Tacoma Motorcycle Club, and Washington State Dealers Association.

Mr. Bushnell stated that the short-term goal of the Coalition is to get the Thurston County ORV Park back open and operating and the long-term goal is to get the state government to run the ORV park.

Mr. Bushnell pointed out a misinterpretation of the fuel use study. Many people were not surveyed because they are using unlicensed bikes, 4-wheel drive vehicles, motocross bikes, flat track racers, etc. Those people who did not receive the survey, went onto IAC's website, downloaded the forms, and misunderstood the forms.

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Mr. Bushnell's group has requested a public meeting with the Thurston County Commissioners to specifically discuss the issue of the closing of the ORV Park; their request has yet to be granted.

Mr. Bushnell also stated that a study was done on local tourism dollars and found that the loss will exceed over a million dollars this year. This is a direct loss to the county.

The NWOC is asking the IAC to work with the County on re-opening the park. This would be a win-win situation. Also help with the long-term goal of getting the ORV parks into the state government, so the counties and cities don't have to run the parks. Would like to see Washington incorporate the ORV parks into the Parks Department, similar to the way it's done in California and Idaho.

Ted Duvall, citizen from Enumclaw, representing all of the riders who could not be at the meeting. Off-road motorcycling sales are up 50% from ten years ago, or close to, and the only true ORV Park is Thurston County ORV Park. Western Washington is where the population is. There is also an ORV park in Spokane and one in Richland.

Mr. Duvall voiced his disappointment in the 2000 Thurston County consultant study. The consultant had no ORV experience. The final report was presented without any input from the experts.

Mr. Duvall reviewed the three reasons Thurston County gave for the closure:

- 1) It's a liability.
- 2) It cost the county money.
- 3) Only 10% of the locals use the park.

He refuted the reasons stating the park has only had one lawsuit in 23 years, that he believes the park made money for the county, and that the 10% local use doesn't make sense as a reason to close the park.

He believes that if they aren't going to keep the park open then the IAC needs to get the money back immediately.

The public portion of the meeting being over, the meeting adjourned to go into an executive session.

The Chair reconvened the meeting after the executive session to formally adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

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Day 2

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Meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Ruth Mahan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and explaining that the Board ended the meeting yesterday by recessing from the executive session that applied to notebook items 8 and 9.

Under the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board is allowed to go into executive session. They do not and cannot take action in executive session.

To summarize the executive session, the meeting materials capture that there is a stalemate in discussions with Thurston County. The Board is very concerned about its fiduciary responsibilities to the citizens of the state, and as a group responsible for capital budget expenditures, and for state funds from the fuel tax that have been spent in Thurston County in connection with the ORV park over a period of many years.

IAC needs to communicate with Thurston County the obligations that are captured in state regulation, state law, and some internal IAC policies and procedures. The Board authorized staff to develop a communication to use with Thurston County summarizing those obligations. Director Johnson will then work with a small group of one or two board members to finalize the communication.

LAND AND WATER FUNDING

Marguerite Austin introduced this agenda item. (See notebook item #10 for more details.) Twenty-three projects were reviewed with a total request of \$5.7 million.

One project did not meet the planning eligibility criteria and the project was dropped from this grant cycle.

- Staff used a new process this year and it seemed to have worked very well. This was the requirement for in-person review and evaluation presentations. This was a very helpful process for the presenters and all of them gained from it.

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- Multiple benefit projects worked better than single purpose projects.
- Congressional appropriation for the states for the Land and Water Conservation Fund this last year was \$94 million. Washington's share turned out to be \$1.9 million and that's quite a bit less compared to the previous year when Washington received about \$2.8 million.

Kammie Bunes, Marguerite Austin, Darrell Jennings, Myra Barker, and Scott Chapman presented the top ten projects.

Marguerite pointed out to the Board that staff is recommending full funding for projects #1-7, partial funding for project #8, and no funding for #3, Pullman's Downtown River Walk, as this project was funded under the WWRP program.

A list of alternate projects has been included. The alternates' list would be good for this year only.

Public Testimony:

Larry Otos, Director of Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Department, reiterated how important Land and Water funding is to cities such as Mt. Vernon. He is representing citizens of Mt. Vernon who will be able to use this project and wanted to put a face to the users. He is also the Legislative Chair of the Washington Recreation and Parks Association and advocates money to be allocated to the land and water program. Appreciates work of the IAC staff. These funds do great things for the parks and recreation acquisition and development around the state.

Bob Parlette MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-15. Craig Partridge SECONDED. Board APPROVED Resolution #2003-15 as presented.

YOUTH ATHLETIC FACILITIES (YAF) POLICY MANUAL 17

Jim Eychaner presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #12 for more details.)

In 2000 the Legislature changed the wording from "Youth" Athletic Facilities to "Community Outdoor" Athletic Facilities. Two important things to keep in mind based on this decision is that indoor facilities are no longer eligible and there is no longer a focus on youth. There is roughly \$2 million available in this account. Money comes from two sources, 1) interest on funds that may have been allocated but were never spent, 2) the other is from funds awarded, but not spent.

Staff is recommending changing from a regional approach to a statewide competition and lowering the maximum and minimum grant amounts in all three categories (new, improving, and maintenance). These changes will help maximize the competition with the funding available.

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Bob Parlette MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-24. Larry Fairleigh SECONDED.
Board APPROVED Resolution #2003-24 as presented.

WWRP 1ST YEAR (FY 04) FINAL APPROVAL

Marguerite Austin presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #13 for details.)

There are three budget provisos that are attached to the funding of this particular list of projects. These are listed on page 2 of the memo under notebook item #13.

These projects submitted letters of intent in March of 2002. The applications were due last May 2002. In the last month all have certified the availability of their match. The first successful applicant workshop has been scheduled for early in August 2003.

Public Testimony:

Jeroen Kok, Vancouver Parks and Recreation, thanked those who worked to get the WWRP funding through the Legislature. Thanked the Board and staff for support of local efforts.

Lori Flemm, City of Kent, Parks and Recreation and Community Services, thanked staff and supports the IAC staff recommendation. Lori added that funding of the two city of Kent WWRP Local Parks projects would mean a tremendous amount to the City.

Craig Partridge MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-16. Bob Parlette SECONDED.
Board ADOPTED Resolution #2003-16 as presented.

Bob Parlette asked Larry Fairleigh what happened with the Columbia Plateau Trail project that was removed from the list by the Legislature. Larry responded that Parks is working with the Legislature and hopes to bring the project back in a future grant round.

WWRP – PREVIOUS BIENNIA FUNDS (FY 02 & EARLIER)

Laura Johnson introduced this agenda item. Jim Fox and Marguerite Austin then presented two items; 1) Reappropriations, and 2) WWRP returned funds. (See item #14 of the notebook for details.)

Reappropriations

Jim first gave a brief overview of the state's budget process and explained why many of the grant programs have reappropriated dollars. The implementation phase for most IAC projects (it varies from grant program to grant program) is typically one to five years, although it can be longer. Very few projects are finished within the biennium period in which the funds are appropriated.

Ruth Mahan asked about reasons for project time delays, and if there were any charts backing up and verifying these delays.

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Jim noted that an average WWRP project is 3.6 years. The reappropriation history shows that there are still a few projects that are well over the four years that IAC typically limits grants.

Staff is looking for direction to go ahead and evaluate the grant programs and come back to the committee with some formal recommendation at some point in the future.

One thought was to look for an independent consultant who would add independent expertise.

Elyse Kane feels a subcommittee of this Board's staff and stakeholders is the better idea and is not convinced the Board needs to spend the money on a consultant.

Larry Fairleigh agrees with Elyse that he would rather see a subcommittee and not hire a consultant.

Ruth agrees with Larry and Elyse that at this point an independent consultant is not necessary. This is one of the more real threats to funding and many people are interested in grappling with this issue. Her recommendation is that the agency take control of developing the appropriate strategies.

Craig Partridge agrees and would like to see IAC and constituent agencies looking at the issue in similar ways.

Jim would like to go into the next legislative session demonstrating progress on this issue and some progress in reducing reappropriations where we can do it without jeopardizing the integrity of the programs.

Laura wants to have a consensus based well-worked series of recommendations and communication tools ready by the November IAC meeting.

WWRP Returned Funds

Marguerite Austin presented this portion of the agenda to the Board. (See handout for details.)

Marguerite explained the returned money and logic behind the recommendation to transfer funds to alternate projects and partially funded projects. She also thanked the state agency partners (Department of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife and State Parks) for their cooperation in helping staff with this issue. As a result, a lot of money has now been designated for the next eligible alternates. DNR will be the recipient of about \$3.5 million, WDFW is recipient of additional funding and local entities will be receiving some monies as well. There is currently \$675,000 that is uncommitted.

Marguerite briefed the Board on the criteria used to recommend allocating dollars to alternate projects.

Public Testimony:

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Steve McClain, Port of Wahkiakum County #2, has worked with IAC for over 25 years. Park expansion is the area's number one priority and he encouraged the Board to adopt Resolution #2003-17(a).

Elyse Kane MOVED to adopt Resolution 2003-17(a). Craig Partridge SECONDED. Board APPROVED adoption of Resolution #2003-17(a) as presented.

PROJECT CHANGES

Darrell Jennings introduced this agenda item. (See notebook item #15a-e for more details.)

Darrell spent a few moments reviewing the conversion criteria and approval requirement policies adopted by this Board and how conversions are resolved.

Due to pending loss of a Board quorum, Resolutions #2003-17(b) through #2003-22 were quickly addressed.

Conversion requests:

Notebook item 15a:

Craig Partridge MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-19, King County, Lake Wilderness Regional Trail, Conversion, IAC project #80-052A. Bob Parlette SECONDED. Board APPROVED.

Notebook item 15b:

Elyse Kane MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-17(b), City of Puyallup Parks and Recreation, Bradley Lake Acquisition, Conversion, IAC project #99-1013A. Craig Partridge SECONDED. Board APPROVED.

Staff noted that both the Park Director from the City of Puyallup, Ralph Dannenberg, and Al Downs, Pierce College, were in the audience.

Notebook item 15c:

Elyse Kane MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-21, City of Lynnwood, Interurban Trail, Conversion, IAC project #92-161C. Craig Partridge SECONDED. Board ADOPTED.

Notebook item 15d:

Craig Partridge MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-22, Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association, Duck Tower, Time Extension, IAC project #96-331D. Larry Fairleigh SECONDED. Board ADOPTED.

RETURN TO FERC RELICENSING DISCUSSION

This is a return to an agenda item from prior day's meeting regarding interactions with agencies seeking relicensing through FERC.

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Jim Eychaner noted that there are only two or three major projects in the state expected to begin relicensing in the next several years.

Bob Parlette was impressed with the people on yesterday's panel and found that this is a long and arduous process. He said they had a lot of meetings and that IAC staff can't be expected to make all the meetings. However, that it is a very significant source of potential revenue for wildlife habitat and recreation.

Bob would like to see a letter sent from the IAC, signed by Ruth as the Chair or Laura as the Director, reminding the FERC and all licensees and proposed licensee projects to let them know that we are here and our statutory obligation is to look after the recreation interests of the state.

Jim noted that meetings are not the only way to be involved with the FERC process and that he has found he needs to get involved early and review plans.

Larry Fairleigh asked if it would help if there was better coordination among state agencies, if there would be more power in unity than to have IAC represent all the recreation interests.

Jim responded that there may have been but it is a little late on some processes. A couple of projects may still benefit from more coordination.

Ruth Mahan noted that as you work through processes, how you work, what your insight is, and the make-up of the entity, helps you build a position and be heard. By your behavior at each step of the way, you develop a reputation for integrity and insight and consequently you're heard. She thinks it's IAC's job to do well in all of those aspects and to strategize in those instances where things are more problematic. Her concern with writing a blanket letter is that it may lose more than it would gain.

Laura Johnson welcomes the guidance that the Board can offer. From yesterday's presentation there was a sense of the scope that IAC has been involved in. These processes are multi-party and in some cases very locally based. The concern is the level of guidance that can be realistically offered these processes at such a local level of detail.

OBSOLESCE FACILITIES

Marguerite Austin introduced this agenda item. Scott Chapman provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation example. (See notebook details under tab #15e.)

Scott introduced the subject by pointing out that a good example of obsolescence where staff applied the policies is a DNR recreation site on Alder Lake, which is located in three counties, Pierce, Thurston and Lewis.

The DNR site was very popular with people committing illegal activities. After spending much time and money in turning the site back into a family camping area, the decision

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was made to close the park as the efforts failed. DNR was looking into long-term options of what to do with this area. They requested transferring the management responsibilities for the leased property to Tacoma Public Utilities (TPU), with a condition that at least through 2018 there would be a responsibility to the project agreement that the site remains open to public use.

The second portion of the request dealt with the development located at the site. The boat launch, camping facilities, picnic facilities, etc., are no longer cost effective for DNR to manage, given the vandalism and the aged facilities. DNR requested removal of the facilities from their contractual requirements.

When considering the request, the issues regarding conversions were looked at. The proposal included turning the facility into a day-use only recreation site, which, under the original agreement, still had the land being used for recreation purposes. There were some conditions put on TPU to have year round use, put up signs, parking improvements, etc. through 2018.

Laura Johnson discussed the routine practice of transferring projects from one public agency to another. Laura did make the decision on obsolescence on this project and approved since the next IAC meeting would be after the June 30 deadline.

Marguerite Austin discussed the current conversion policy and obsolescence portion of current agency policies. (Attachment 1 is IAC Conversion Policy under tab 15).

Marguerite would like direction, some conversation on options, and to know when the Board would like this brought back for decision.

There is a very extensive process to get obsolescence passed through the federal government for projects funded with LWCF.

Larry Fairleigh asked if it is IAC's intention for the rules to be the same regardless of the fund source?

Marguerite responded saying that the way IAC policies are set up right now, yes, that is the case.

Larry asked if obsolescence and "exceeding its useful design life" were synonymous?

Marguerite's response was this is what they are trying to assess, as it doesn't always fit.

Larry asked that if an operating agency makes a decision that a facility has exceeded its useful design life, does the IAC Board have to concur?

Marguerite responded saying essentially, yes, with some delegation authority, some decisions have been made on some elements. Typically they are minor. However, this is why staff needs to have this discussion, as more and more agencies are asking for that kind of decision. The policy, as written right now, is not always clear to staff and

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unclear to applicants as well. There have been very few instances where staff has actually eliminated a facility from an agreement. However, there may be more projects where this may be needed.

Bob Parlette brought up the current trend of building skate parks. Thirty years from now will there be a need for these parks? Does the facility go away because kids aren't skating or convert it to a park for whatever the current needs are? Larry's view is that a park should be able to be converted.

Bob asked what was the outcome that staff wanted? Do you intend to work with a group of stakeholders to come back to the Board with some details to enable staff to bring better recommendations to this Board?

Marguerite responded with yes, that is essentially it. Staff would like the Board to give direction on whether or not they want staff to bring this policy back for revision, clarification, expansion and so on.

Ruth Mahan sees two ends of the spectrum, one where the facility is still appropriate but degraded and on the other end the facility is unwanted due to environmental issues or cost prohibitive to make it safe. Sometimes the cost benefit issue is not the way to solve the stewardship issue.

Staff will work on a recommendation to bring back before the Board at a later date.

ELIGIBLE MATCH FOR FEDERAL PROJECTS

Marguerite Austin presented this agenda item.

The applicant resources that are used to match committee funds can include a variety of things, cash, local impact mitigation fees, certain federal funds, value of private real estate, equipment, and labor.

- State agency projects may be assisted by 100% grants.
- The eligibility of federal funds to be used as a match is governed by federal requirements and can vary with individual programs and policies.
- Matches vary between local and/or state agencies.
- The IAC does not match one IAC grant with another.
- Guidelines vary between programs as they have different requirements.
- The BFP program does not allow applicants to use federal grants that have already been awarded as match against a state grant.

Questions to ask:

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- Should the Board change or modify our policies?
- What about consistency between the different programs that IAC manages.
- Can IAC grants be used to match federal grants awarded by IAC and visa versa?

There will be additional discussion of this topic at the next few Board meetings.

2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Jim Fox presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #16 for details.)

- Not recommending IAC request legislation this year.
- To implement the results of the NOVA Fuel Study and will take legislation, but this will be based on recommendations of the NOVA Committee to the Legislature.
- Boating Facilities Program will be reviewed and there may be some recommendations for legislative changes in the boating program.
- Overhaul IAC statutes – Many statutes involving the IAC came from the original initiative 215, now nearly 40 years old.

OBSOLESCENCE

Elyse Kane asked to return to the subject of obsolescence. The obsolescence policy allows project sponsors to remove an element without replacing it. This policy should be used in very limited circumstances. These circumstances would be described as follows: The sponsor does not have to replace the element if the element is no longer needed or lost for reasons beyond the sponsor's control (vandalism, fire, acts of nature, etc.), provided that the surrounding facility remains open to public use for the duration of the IAC contract term. Nothing about the circumstances surrounding the Thurston County ORV Park reminds her of these limited circumstances.

REPORTS FROM PARTNERS

Larry Fairleigh thanked Bob Parlette for trying to get the Rocky Reach trail off the ground.

Public Testimony

Mike Rhyerd, Lobbyist for Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition (WWRC) informed the Board that the coalition has been working on HB1775 and companion bill in the Senate to expand the scope of the WWRP and make some changes. If there are issues for changes in the WWRP statutes that relate to obsolesce and conversion, the coalition would like to work with the Board on incorporating those into that bill. The concern of the Coalition on obsolescence and conversion is that the intended usage of the land not be changed. On the issue of match – can you match a CTED grant with acquisition funds? When, or if, you change the policy, make it prospective in nature so groups aren't caught in the middle and provide as much flexibility as possible.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Ruth Mahan, Chair

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RESOLUTION #2003-12
July 2003 Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following July 2003, Consent Agenda items are approved:

- a) March 13 IAC Meeting Minutes,
- b) Time Extensions,
- c) NOVA Advisory Committee Service Recognitions, and
- d) NRTP Advisory Committee Service Recognitions.

Moved by: Elyse Kane

Seconded by: Bob Parlette

Adopted/ Defeated / Deferred (underline result)

Date: July 10, 2003

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RESOLUTION #2003-13

**NOVA Program: Education/Enforcement Policies and Project Selection,
IAC Manual #13**

WHEREAS, IAC Manual #13, NOVA Program: Education/Enforcement and Maintenance/Operation, contained policies that governed the NOVA E&E and M&O programs, and

WHEREAS, Manual #13 needed policy updates and housekeeping changes primarily due to adoption of *NOVA Plan 2002-2008*, and

WHEREAS, these changes conform to state statutes, rules, and policies, and

WHEREAS, these changes have been considered and updated through a public review process, and

WHEREAS, these changes are further considered and adopted in an open public meeting,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC hereby adopts Manual #13, NOVA Program: Education/Enforcement Policies and Project Selection, as proposed in the June 23, 2003 draft, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these updates will take effect beginning with the October 2003 NOVA application cycle and that IAC staff will take steps necessary for implementing this decision, including communication to interested parties.

Resolution moved by: _____ Rex Derr _____

Resolution seconded by: _____ Elyse Kane _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: July 10, 2003

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RESOLUTION #2003-14
NOVA ORV Education and Enforcement – Extension Cost Increases
Fiscal Year 2002

WHEREAS, NOVA ORV Education and Enforcement projects were submitted for IAC funding consideration, and

WHEREAS, funding for all projects was approved by the IAC Board in an open public meeting, and

WHEREAS, additional funds may be needed to carry projects through to the next NOVA Education & Enforcement funding meeting in 2004, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from monies returned to the program, and

WHEREAS, providing some of these funds to continue needed projects will help protect program goals,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC hereby grants the Director authority to issue extension cost increases to projects shown in *Table 1 – Fiscal Year 2002, NOVA Education & Enforcement Projects – Extension Cost Increases (2003-14)*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be authorized to execute any and all project amendments necessary for implementation.

Resolution moved by: Craig Partridge

Resolution seconded by: Christine Wakefield Nichols

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (circle one)

Date: July 10, 2003

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RESOLUTION #2003-15
Land and Water Conservation Fund Program
Projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2003 Funding
(State Fiscal Year 2004)

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has \$1,905,778 in federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant monies available for distribution, and

WHEREAS, IAC Board Members adopted the Open Project Selection Process for distribution of funds for FFY2003, and

WHEREAS, twenty-three Land and Water Conservation Fund projects are submitted for FFY 2003 funding consideration, and

WHEREAS, all projects meet LWCF program requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, policy and practices, and

WHEREAS, all twenty-three projects have been evaluated, in an open public meeting, using the evaluation criteria approved by the Board, and

WHEREAS, the results of these evaluations are depicted in Table 1 – LWCF Program FFY 2003, and

WHEREAS, IAC staff has requested authority to allocate FFY2003 funds in the most expeditious manner to protect the state's allocation,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC hereby approves the ranking depicted in Table 1 – LWCF Program Projects Ranking and Recommendation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IAC hereby approves project funding for Land and Water Conservation Fund projects as depicted in the attached Table 1 – LWCF Program 2003-15, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be authorized to submit application materials to the National Park Service and execute any and all project agreements and amendments necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: Bob Parlette

Resolution seconded by: Craig Partridge

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: July 11, 2003

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RESOLUTION #2003-16

**Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Fiscal Year 2004 Project Funding Approval**

WHEREAS, projects eligible for Fiscal Year 2004 (FY04) funding from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) were evaluated by Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) evaluation teams in open public meetings, and

WHEREAS, these projects were evaluated using evaluation methods approved by the IAC Board in open public meetings, and

WHEREAS, IAC recommended a ranked list of these project to Governor Locke for inclusion in the 2003-2005 Capital Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor submitted to the 2003 Legislature all IAC recommended FY04 projects for funding consideration, and

WHEREAS, the 2003-05 Capital Budget includes \$45,000,000 for the WWRP, and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Legislature, as part of SSB 5401 (Capital Budget), approved projects contained in LEAP Capital Document No. 2003-45, and

WHEREAS, the Capital Budget also includes a proviso that requires filing of quarterly project progress reports with the Office of Financial Management,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation hereby adopts the ranked list of FY04 WWRP projects contained in LEAP Capital Document 2003-2005 and attached to this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director use the approved ranked list of FY04 WWRP projects to execute agreements and implement FY04 WWRP funding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director file quarterly status reports of these projects as specified in the Capital Budget.

Resolution moved by: Craig Partridge

Resolution seconded by: Bob Parlette

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: July 11, 2003

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RESOLUTION #2003-17 (a)
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Previous Biennia Funds
Outdoor Recreation Account & Habitat Conservation Account

WHEREAS, funded projects have returned monies to WWRP and these funds have not been reassigned because of lack of alternate projects, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature approved in SSB 6155 Laws of 2001, the ability to utilize WWRP re-appropriation authority for projects on alternate lists in future biennia, and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to commit these funds to projects that can be completed in a timely fashion,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation hereby approves reallocation of uncommitted funds to the list of Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program projects as in Attachment A, 2003-17,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that staff will continue to allocate funds to eligible alternates as they become available and report to the Board as such funds are re-allocated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be authorized to execute any and all project agreements or amendments necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: _____ Elyse Kane

Resolution seconded by: _____ Craig Partridge

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Date: July 11, 2003

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RESOLUTION #2003-17 (b)
City of Puyallup Parks & Recreation
Bradley Lake, IAC #99-1013A
Conversion Request

WHEREAS, the City of Puyallup with IAC funding assistance acquired land for development of Bradley Lake Park under IAC project 99-1013A, Bradley Lake Acquisition; and

WHEREAS, Pierce College and the City of Puyallup desire to construct a driveway at 5th / 7th Streets in Puyallup to provide access to the college campus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Puyallup and Pierce College have worked jointly to identify the best suited access point to the college; and

WHEREAS, the City of Puyallup requests IAC approval to convert 56,125 square feet of this park to non-recreational use; and

WHEREAS, the City of Puyallup and Pierce College propose 60,000 square feet of replacement property that meet the eligibility criteria set forth in IAC Manual #7, Funded Projects: Policies & The Project Agreement, Section 19: *Acquisition Projects - Converted*, that will result in replacement land for public use,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the conversion request as proposed by the City of Puyallup for Bradley Lake Acquisition project is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is authorized to execute the necessary amendments associated with this conversion request.

Resolution moved by: Elyse Kane

Resolution seconded by: Craig Partridge

Adopted / Defeated (circle one)

Date: July 11, 2003

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RESOLUTION #2003-19
King County Parks and Recreation
Lake Wilderness Trail Conversion Request
IAC #80-052A & NPS #53-00430

WHEREAS, King County Parks and Recreation with state Bond and federal LWCF assistance through IAC acquired 33 acres of abandoned railroad corridor under IAC project 80-052A, Lake Wilderness Trail; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 King County Parks and Recreation sought IAC approval to convert 2.08 acres of the trail corridor to accommodate Washington State Department of Transportations road widening project of State Route 169; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 1985, the IAC Board approved the request to convert 2.08 acres of the Lake Wilderness Trail corridor with the condition that the County find suitable replacement land at a later date; and

WHEREAS, King County Parks and Recreation proposes four parcels as replacement along the East Lake Sammamish Trail; and

WHEREAS the replacement parcels have met the criteria set forth in IAC Manual #7, Funded Projects: Policies & The Project Agreement, Section 3: Conversions; and

WHEREAS, King County Parks and Recreation is also required to replace the converted land pursuant to federal LWCF conversion requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the conversion request as proposed by King County Parks and Recreation for the Lake Wilderness Trail project is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the IAC Director submit this request to the National Parks Service for their approval of the conversion and replacement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon National Park Service approval, the IAC Director is hereby authorized to execute the necessary amendments associated with this conversion request.

Resolution moved by: Craig Partridge

Resolution seconded by: Bob Parlette

Adopted / Defeated / Delayed (circle one)

Date: July 11, 2003

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RESOLUTION #2003-21

**City of Lynnwood
Interurban Trail, IAC #92-161C
Conversion Request**

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood with WWRP Trails funding assistance acquired 2.3 adjacent to the Interurban Trail corridor, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood has requested IAC approval to convert 2.3 acres of trail property to other uses, and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood proposes to replace the converted land with 2.74 acres of property, and

WHEREAS, the replacement property meets the criteria set forth in IAC Manual #7, Funded Projects: Policies and the Project Agreement, Section 3: Conversions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the conversion request from the City of Lynnwood for the Interurban Trail is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be authorized to execute the necessary amendments associated with this conversion request.

Resolution moved by: _____ Elyse Kane _____

Resolution seconded by: _____ Craig Partridge _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: July 11, 2003

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RESOLUTION #2003-22

**Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association
Duck Tower, IAC #96-331D
Time Extension Request**

WHEREAS, IAC approved funding for the Yakima Valley Sportsmen's Association Duck Tower project on November 27, 1995, and

WHEREAS, the Association has worked diligently to complete the project, and

WHEREAS, unexpected design flaws limit use of the trap machines and five-stand sporting clays, and

WHEREAS, the Association has the opportunity to use unspent funds to construct portable units to transport the machines, and

WHEREAS, by IAC policy, the Board must approve time extension requests for funded projects over four years old,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC hereby approves extending the project completion date for the Duck Tower, IAC #96-331D until December 31, 2003, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is authorized to execute the amendment needed for implementation.

Resolution moved by: Craig Partridge

Resolution seconded by: Larry Fairleigh

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (circle one)

Date: *July 11, 2003*

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RESOLUTION #2003-23
Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC)
2003 NOVA (Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program)
Advisory Committee Structure (2SHB 1698)
July 10, 2003

WHEREAS, the state legislature (by SSB 6166, Section 346(3), Laws of 2001 and 2SHB 1698, Chapter 185, Laws of 2003) has directed the IAC to develop recommendations for policy changes and legislative updates to chapter 46.09 RCW, the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program; and

WHEREAS, this work has involved the completion of the *Washington State NOVA Fuel Use Survey* (IAC, 2003) and the drafting of a structure and appointment process for a new NOVA advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, the *Fuel Study* provides detailed information on fuel consumption patterns of recreationists involved in NOVA activities; and

WHEREAS, an advisory committee structure and appointment process must be in place to facilitate development and provision of the funding allocation formula and other recommendations to the 2004 Legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accord with Sec. 1 of 2SHB 1698, that IAC does hereby approve the following NOVA 2003-04 Advisory Committee structure:

- Three ORV (ATV, off-road motorcycle, or four-wheel drive)
- Two Hiking (hiker, backpacker, climber, etc.)
- One Mountain bicycling
- One Equestrian
- Two with one or more of the following recreational interests associated with fuel used on nonhighway roads:
 - Boating (kayak, canoe, motor boats, etc.)
 - Picnicking
 - Driving for pleasure/sightseeing
 - Hunting/fishing
 - Camping
 - Wildlife viewing; *and*
 - Gathering (wood, berries, mushrooms, etc.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IAC delegates to IAC's director, based on the above structure, the authority to appoint persons to the NOVA 2003-04 Advisory Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above "Section 1" advisory committee, in performing its NOVA project review function ("project review meetings") will include government or agency representatives.

Resolution moved by: Elyse Kane

Resolution seconded by: Rex Derr

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RESOLUTION 2003-24

**Youth Athletic Facility Program
2003-04 Grant Round**

WHEREAS, the Youth Athletic Facility (YAF) account was created through voter approval of Referendum 48 in 1997, and

WHEREAS, Referendum 48 has been codified as 43.99N.060(4), and authorizes the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation to provide grants or loans from the YAF account to cities, counties, and qualified nonprofit organizations for community outdoor athletic facilities, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds have become available through previously allocated but unexpended grants and the accumulation of interest, and

WHEREAS, public comment has been solicited on the program rules as published in Manual 17, and considerable need exists for new, improved, and better maintained community outdoor athletic facilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Director is authorized to conduct a YAF grant round in 2003-04, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director is instructed to form a standing advisory committee to help guide the YAF program including the evaluation of grant applications, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Manual 17 is adopted as the program document containing the policies and rules that will govern the 2003-04 grant round.

Resolution moved by: Bob Parlette

Resolution seconded by: Larry Fairleigh

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: July 11, 2003

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RESOLUTION #2003-25

**Distribution of NOVA Funds:
2003-2004 NOVA Grant Cycle**

WHEREAS, the results of the 2002 NOVA Fuel Use Study have not yet been fully implemented by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature did not act on IAC's request to provide a permanent definition of "nonhighway road recreational facility;" and

WHEREAS, there are likely to be significant changes in the NOVA program, including definitions and distribution formulas, as a result of action by the 2004 Legislature; and

WHEREAS, \$775,000 of funds from FY2004 NHR and ORV funding categories have been earmarked for distribution to DNR and State Parks and will therefore be unavailable for the upcoming NOVA grant cycles; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC conduct an E&E grant cycle for one-year grants using half of the 2003-05 funding available for this category (\$622,631) plus any uncommitted reappropriated E&E funds available at the time the IAC awards the grants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the IAC conduct an NHR grant cycle for one-year grants for maintenance and operation of NHR recreational facilities as defined for reappropriated funds in SSB5401, Sec. 365(3) and using only reappropriated NHR funds that are available at the time the IAC awards the grants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the IAC conduct an ORV grant cycle for one-year grants for maintenance and operation of ORV recreational facilities using only reappropriated ORV funds that are available at the time the IAC awards the grants.

Moved by: Elyse Kane

Seconded by: Craig Partridge

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: July 10, 2003

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RESOLUTION #2003-26

**Distribution of NOVA Funds to the Department of Natural Resources
and the State Parks and Recreation Commission**

WHEREAS, SSB 5401, Sec. 366(1) directs IAC to provide \$450,000 of NOVA funds (Fiscal 03-05) to the Department of Natural Resources "...solely to maintain and operate existing ORV and other recreation facilities, including ORV campgrounds, on lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004", and

WHEREAS, SSB 5401, Sec. 366(2) directs IAC to provide \$325,000 of NOVA funds (Fiscal 03-05) to the State Parks and Recreation Commission to "...construct and upgrade trails and trail-related facilities for both motorized and nonmotorized uses within state parks", and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the IAC Director is authorized to enter into a contract with the Department of Natural Resources and the State Parks and Recreation Commission to make these funds available, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the use of these funds, DNR shall give priority to facilities that the agency would otherwise have to close or to limit access or activities due to lack of funding.

Moved by: _____ Elyse Kane _____

Seconded by: _____ Christine Wakefield Nichols _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: July 10, 2003 _____